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means for removing the first macro instruction and the second macro instruction from the macro to produce a treated macro.

33. Canceled.

34. Canceled.

35. Canceled.

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 were pending in this application. Claims 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 20, 22, 23, 27-30 and 34 were objected to. The remaining claims were rejected under § 103.

This amendment is intended to put this case into condition for allowance by canceling the rejected claims and/or amending them to include language from dependent allowed claims. Therefore this amendment puts this case into condition for allowance and is entitled to entry under Rule 116.

First, independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the language of dependent Claims 4, 5 and 6. Claim 6 was indicated as being allowable. Claim 6 depended upon Claim 5 which in turn depended upon Claim 4, which is dependent upon base Claim 1. Hence Claim 1 is now allowable.

The dependency of Claims 7 and 8 has been changed to be on Claim 1.

Claim 9 was also indicated as being allowable. Claim 9 has been amended to include the language of base Claim 1 and also Claim 2. It is believed that Claim 9 as originally filed did not have proper antecedent basis for the term "treated macro" which is recited in Claim 2. Also, Claim 9 as presently amended does not include the language of intervening Claims 4

and 8, upon which original Claim 9 was dependent. It is believed that the language of Claims 4 and 8 is not necessary either under § 112 or § 103 to make Claim 9 as amended allowable.

Claim 13 has been amended to be in independent form and now recites the language of base Claim 1 and intervening Claim 12, and therefore is allowable.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the language of dependent Claim 20, which was indicated as being allowable and hence Claim 15 is allowable.

Claim 20 has been canceled.

Claim 22 was indicated as being allowable and has been amended to include the language of base Claim 15 and intervening Claim 21, and hence Claim 22 is allowable.

Claim 23 was indicated as being allowable. Claim 23 has been amended to include the language of base Claim 15 and intervening Claim 16. Therefore Claim 23 is allowable.

Claim 27 was indicated as being allowable. The language of Claim 27 has been amended into the base Claim 24, together with the language of intervening Claims 25 and 26, and hence Claim 24 as amended is allowable.

Claim 28 was also indicated as being allowable. Claim 28 has been put into independent form by including the language of base Claim 24 only. Claim 28 was dependent upon intervening Claim 27. It is believed that the language of intervening Claim 27 was not necessary for the allowability of Claim 28.

Claim 29 has been amended so it is now dependent upon Claim 24, rather than canceled Claim 27.

Claim 30 was indicated as being allowable. Claim 30 has been amended to be in independent form and to include the language of base Claim 24 and intervening Claim 29. Therefore Claim 30 is allowable.

Claim 34 was indicated as being allowable. Claim 34 was dependent upon base Claim 31. Claim 31 has been amended to include the language of Claim 34 and also that of intervening Claim 33. While Claim 33 was dependent upon Claim 32, it is believed that the language of Claim 32 is not necessary to make amended Claim 31 allowable. Therefore, independent Claim 31 is now allowable.

Independent Claim 35 has been canceled.

Therefore all pending claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance and it is requested that this case be passed to issue. If the Examiner has other intentions, he is requested to telephone the undersigned at (408) 453-9200.

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